

**REMARKS**

On the basis of the foregoing, the Applicant would like to respectfully request continued examination of this application.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the Applicant's novel coating method of coating "at least a portion of a stent," which includes the newly-recited steps of "providing a frozen target including a polymer and a therapeutic agent" and "coating at least a portion of the stent with the polymer and therapeutic agent."

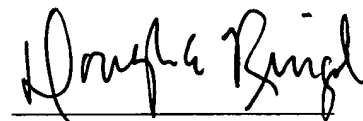
The Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest the Applicant's invention as now recited in the claims. The Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims of the present application are now in condition for allowance. Prompt consideration and allowance of the present application are therefore earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and credit any overpayments associated with this filing to Kenyon & Kenyon, Deposit Account No. 11-0600. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4225.

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